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DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS; GOC MILITARY MOBILIZES FOR WAR
ON DRUGS

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1. SUMMARY. GOC MINDEFENSE HAS BRIEFED MISSION ON ITS DRAFT
PLAN FOR MAJOR EXPANSION DRUG ENFORCEMENT COVERAGE OF ALL GOC
AGENCIES UNDER MILITARY COMMAND AND COORDINATION AND WITH DIRECT
ENFORCEMENT PARTICIPATION BY ARMED SERVICES. OVERALL DRUG EN-
FORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE VESTED IN MOD CHIEF OF INTELLI-
GENCE (D-2), WITH LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDERS AT BRIGADE LEVEL
TAKING OVER TACTICAL OPERATIONS AND COORDINATION AMONG ARMY,
NAVY, AIR FORCE, DAS, CUSTOMS AND NATIONAL POLICE. MOD PLAN IN-
CLUDES REQUEST FOR SOME DOLLARS 50 MILLION IN U.S. EQUIPMENT,
SUPPORT COSTS AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS ESTIMATED SOME
12 MILLION IN NEW GOC EXPENDITURES FOR "WAR ON NARCOTICS". MIS-
SION PRESENTLY DISCUSSING DETAILS EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING REQUEST
WITH MOD OFFICERS AND PLANS SUBMIT CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION
DRAFT FOR FIRST PHASE NEW ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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END SUMMARY.

2. IN PRESENCE OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE, GENERAL CARLOS LOMBANA, CHIEF JOINT STAFF, GOC MINDEFENSE BRIEFED AMBASSADOR AND MEMBERS MISSION NARCOTICS COMMITTEE JANUARY 23 AND 28 ON SALIENT POINTS DRAFT NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT REORGANIZATION PLAN PREPARED AT REQUEST PRESIDENT LOPEZ. PLAN CALLS FOR UNIFIED CENTRAL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE GROUP LOCATED IN BOGOTA AND HEADED-UP BY MOD CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE, AN ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL. GROUP WILL INCLUDE REPS FROM MOD INTELLIGENCE BRANCHES, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER FROM THE THREE ARMED SERVICES, AS WELL AS DAS, F-2, CUSTOMS AND OTHER AGENCIES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY GENERAL). ENFORCEMENT AND LOCAL INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS WILL BE UNDER OVERALL DIRECTION OF MILITARY IN EACH OF 11 NATIONAL REGIONAL COMMANDS. EACH INDIVIDUAL COMMAND WILL FORM OPERATIONAL ENFORCEMENT GROUP INCLUDING MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, TROOP COMMANDERS, F-2, DAS AND CUSTOMS. ACTUAL NARCOTICS OPERATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY INDIVIDUAL MILITARY OR POLICE UNITS, OR BY COMBINED CIVILIAN POLICE-CUSTOMS-MILITARY UNITS UNDER COORDINATION BY SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER IN EACH MILITARY REGION. EVENTUALLY, MOD PLANS CREATE SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNITS NEAR EACH IMPORTANT CENTER OF DRUG PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE PLAN, MOD HAS DRAWN UP EXTENSIVE SHOPPING LIST OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO MOUNT FULL-SCALE NATIONAL "WAR ON DRUGS". LIST INCLUDES ARMS, COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND INTELLIGENCE GEAR FOR EACH PARTICIPATING SERVICE, INCLUDING ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, DAS, F-2 AND CUSTOMS. SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT REQUEST FOR U.S. FINANCING INCLUDE 10 MEDIUM AND FIVE LIGHT HELICOPTERS, ONE C-130 HERCULES, SIX LIGHTER AIRCRAFT AND EXTENSIVE GROUND-AIR-SEA COMMO EQUIPMENT. TOTAL COST OF ASSISTANCE PACKAGE WOULD BE JUST UNDER DOLLARS 50 MILLION ACCORDING TO MOD ESTIMATES. GOC CONTRIBUTION ESTIMATED AT \$12 MILLION FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

4. NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, DEA SAIC, AND AID NARCOTICS ADVISOR--WITH ASSIST FROM US MILITARY MISSION OFFICERS--ARE NOW DISCUSSING DETAILS EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING REQUEST IN ORDER IDENTIFY SPECIFIC TYPES OF EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ASSISTANCE WE MIGHT MOST USEFULLY CONSIDER UNDER REVISED NCAP. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY MAKING NO COMMITMENTS. WE PLAN TO SUBMIT DRAFT CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTMENT BY MID-FEBRUARY. PRESENTATION WILL BE BASED UPON ABOVE CONSULTATIONS AND OUR BEST JUDGMENT OF WHAT EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING GOC CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY USE UNDER NEW ORGANIZATIONAL PATTERN IN REMAINDER FY-76 AND FY-77.

5. COMMENT. AMBASSADOR AND ALL US PERSONNEL ARE VERY IMPRESSED WITH GOC SERIOUSNESS OF INTENT TO "WAGE WAR" ON THE DRUG TRAFFIC.

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